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Docket No.: 05542/071002  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Robert L. Horton et al.

Application No.: 10/620,041

Confirmation No.: 7482

Filed: July 15, 2003

Art Unit: 1712

For: SURFACTANT-POLYMER COMPOSITIONS  
FOR ENHANCING THE STABILITY OF  
VISCOELASTIC-SURFACTANT BASED  
FLUID

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to and including November 13, 2005 to respond to the Office Action mailed May 13, 2005.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed concurrently herewith.

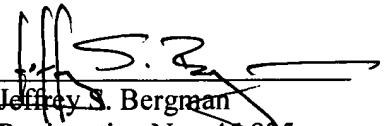
In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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authorized cardholder, is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 05542/071002.

Dated: November 14, 2005

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